

Appl. No. 10/696,745
Amdt. Dated April 23, 2007
Reply to Office Action of January 23, 2007

Attorney Docket No. 81716.0112
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS

Minor changes are made to this specification. Claims 15-20 are canceled. Claims 1 and 21 are the independent claims. New claims 22-26 are added. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 21-26 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interviews of April 19, 2007. In the interview, the Examiner agreed to rejoin original claims 4, 5, 8, 11, and 12. In particular, Examiner noted Applicant had traversed the restriction requirement, and the original claims depended from the allowed independent claim. As such, the Office agreed to rejoin the non-elected species to include the subject matter of original claims 4, 5, 8, 11, and 12. Those claims are allowable at least because each depends from an allowed patent claim.

Accordingly, Applicant adds the original claim 4, 5, 8, 11, and 12 as new claims 22-26, respectively. Entrance and allowance of the new claims are respectfully respected.

ALLOWABLE CLAIM

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-14 and 21 allowed. The allowed claims 4, 5, 8, 11, and 12 refer to the originally submitted claims, and correspond to new claims 22-26 respectively.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and formally recognizes the allowable claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 21, and new claims 22-26.

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Conclusion

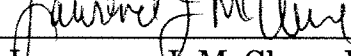
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6809 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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